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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4610

INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0825

DEPT FOR A.

WHITE HOUSE FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE--CAPT. HOWE.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER) SN

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: SINGAPORE 0802

1. MFA PROTOCOL OFFICER PROVIDED EMBOFF TODAY (FEB 19)
WITH WORKING PROGRAM FOR SUBJECT VISIT. PROTOCOL OFFICER
NOTED THAT PROGRAM HAD BEEN APPROVED BY PM LEE. HOWEVER,
PRESIDENT SHEARES HAS NOT YET GIVEN HIS APPROVAL TO SCHEDULED
COURTESY CALL AND TIMING THIS EVENT, THEREFORE, NOT FIRM.
SINCE PROGRAM AS ENVISAGED BY GOS DIFFERS FROM THAT TRANSMITTED
STATE 37676, IT BEING REPEATED BELOW:

SUNDAY, 28TH MARCH 1976

11:00 A.M. ARRIVE AT SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY
SPECIAL FLIGHT

ARRIVAL CEREMONY

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12:15 P.M. COURTESY CALL ON THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. SHEARES

1:00 P.M. LUNCH BY AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE

3:00 P.M. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

6:00 P.M. MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

8:00 P.M. BANQUET BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. LEE KUAN YEW

MONDAY, 29TH MARCH 1976

10:20 A.M. LEAVE ISTANA LODGE

10:40 A.M. DEPARTURE CEREMONY

11:00 A.M. DEPART SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BY SPECIAL FLIGHT

2. EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT AMENDED PROGRAM APPEARED GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE BUT POINTED OUT THAT 11:00 A.M. MARCH 29 DEPARTURE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN CONCURRED IN BY WASHINGTON AND THAT EMBASSY IS STILL AWAITING ADVICE ON THIS POINT.

3. RE SCHEDULED DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER, PLEASE INDICATE WHICH STAFF MEMBERS, IF ANY, WILL ACCOMPANY VP. GOS PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO VP'S PREFERENCES. HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT AMBASSADOR AND AT MOST ONE OR TWO OF VP'S STAFF BE INCLUDED IN THIS EVENT. PLEASE ADVISE. CONSIDERING PM LEE'S WELL KNOWN VOLUBILITY, BELIEVE ALLOTTED TIME NOT EXCESSIVE.

4. SCHEDULE AS NOW ENVISAGED BY GOS PRECLUDES PREVIOUSLY PLANNED COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING FOR VP. UNLESS PRESIDENT SHEARES EXPRESSES A PREFERENCE TO RECEIVE VP AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO CONVERT AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON INTO AN INFORMAL, IN-HOUSE AFFAIR FOR BRIEFING PURPOSES. ALTERNATIVELY, AMBASSADOR COULD PROVIDE IN-FLIGHT BRIEFING ENROUTE TO SINGAPORE FROM KUALA LUMPUR. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. DRESS REQUIREMENTS REMAIN AS IN PARA 5 REFTEL WITH ADDITION
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THAT BUSINESS SUIT IS APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PM LEE.
HOLDRIDGE

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